

Simeon Doane House
Nauset Road
Eastham
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: South, off Nauset Road, near Salt Pond Bay.
Eastham, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present Owner: Mrs. Wyman Richardson.
617 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Present Use: Summer residence for Mrs. Wyman Richardson.

Significance: This Cape Cod shingled house is typical of those built on this part of the cape. It is located within the Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Ca. late 18th century.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original plans of construction: None known to exist.
4. Original and subsequent owners:

B. Doane in Atlas . . . 1881, p.70.

S. Doane - map of 1858.

Dr. Maurice Richardson, Frank W. Benson, and Edward L Pierson
bought in 1892 from someone named Smith.

Mrs. Wyman Richardson, bought the house in 1954. She bought
the shares from the other owners.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

1. Alterations and additions: Mrs. Richardson said that the house was in very bad shape when they bought it. The proceeds from her husband's book "The House on Nauset Marsh", published in 1955, which was a compilation of a series of articles he had written for magazines was used to make extensive repairs on the house. When the chimney fell through the house, the wood all around it was found to be very charred. In stripping back the paint down to the natural wood, they discovered all manner of colors. The walls were a strong ochre yellow color, and the paint on the woodwork was a pink and an apple-green. There were several two-panelled doors in the main room of

the house. Mrs. Richardson said that the mantel now used in the bedroom, but was apparently from the front room, is odd looking, sort of "one-sided" as she calls it.

When she installed electricity in 1955, in working in the ell, which heretofore had never been touched, they found shelves built right into the wall, and the wood was like iron when cut.

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